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Scholarship Luncheon to Feature James Fallows

OPC'er **James Fallows**, the new editor of *U.S. News & World Report*, will give the keynote speech at the OPC's Scholarship Luncheon to be held on Jan. 27. The talk is entitled "America and the World: A Look Into the Future."

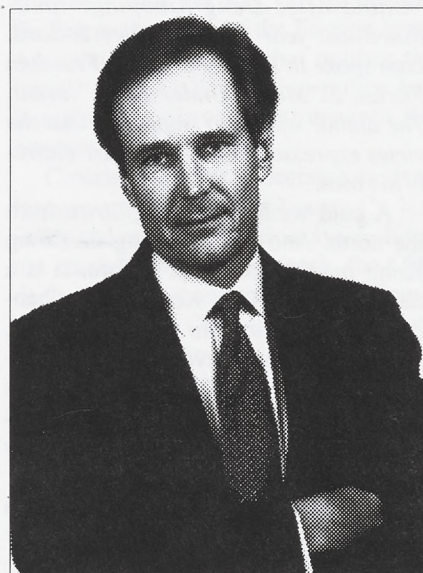
Before joining *U.S. News* in September 1996, Fallows had spent 17 years as Washington editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*. He has also held editor posts at the *Washington Monthly* and *Texas Monthly*. His latest book is "Breaking the News," a critical look at the workings of the U.S. media.

The luncheon will be given to honor the seven winners of the OPC's annual scholarship contest. Winners of the contest are awarded \$1,000 each. The Scholarship Judging Committee, led by Bernie Gavzer, chose from a record 79 entries from journalism schools all across the country.

The winners were selected on the basis of the clarity, focus and sense of professional commitment expressed in their entries. The applicants, who could be either graduate or undergraduate students in the U.S. aspiring to become foreign correspondents, had to submit a tightly crafted essay of 500 words. The subject of the essay was an area of the

world or an international topic that they felt deserved better coverage. Applicants also had to submit a one-page letter about themselves, their education and relevant experience, and how the funds would be used.

The luncheon will be held at noon in the Reading Room on the 50th floor of the McGraw-Hill Building, 1221 Avenue of the Americas. The cost of the luncheon is \$45 for OPC members and \$60 for non-members. Reservations are essential. Please call the OPC at 983-4655 for reservations and more information.



James Fallows

Taiwan Deserves Fair Treatment Says Government Spokesman

by Justin Doebele

"We don't want to be treated as second-class citizens," said **Dr. Chi Su**, Taiwan's chief spokesman, at an OPC presentation given on Dec. 11. Su's comment was a reference to Taiwan's treatment by international organizations and mainland China. His comments were part of a wide-ranging talk given at the Tudor Hotel covering the triangle of relations between Taiwan, the U.S. and China.

After an introduction by Vice President **Jane Ciabattari**, Su spoke for twenty minutes followed by a lively Q&A session. The event drew a crowd of about fifty attendees. Su is among the highest-ranking Taiwanese officials to visit the U.S. since the 1995 visit of President Lee Teng-hui. This visit to the U.S. was his first in his new post as chief spokesman.

Before taking his post, Su had worked as a journalist in a number of Taiwanese publications, including *Asia*

and the *World Digest* and *America Monthly*. His wife, **Grace Chen**, is a television anchor and producer in Taiwan.

Dr. Su also has strong links to the U.S. He earned an M.A. from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University.

"Taiwan has been going through a quiet revolution," said Su in his opening
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Dr. Chi Su, Vice President Jane Ciabattari and President John Corporon.

The Hong Kong Media and 1997

by Willy Wo-Lap Lam

In this exclusive account, an internationally recognized sinologist gives his assessment of what will happen to Hong Kong's media after the July 1997 hand-over. Lam, China editor for the South China Morning Post, is also author of "China After Deng Xiaoping," published last year by John Wiley & Sons. Lam spoke in December at the Freedom Forum's "Media Under Siege" event. The author wishes to emphasize that the views expressed in this essay are entirely his own.

A cold wind is blowing down from the north. And it is buffeting the Hong Kong media like never before. It is a fact of life for Hong Kong that the hand-over to Chinese rule on July 1, 1997, coincides with an even more momentous transition in Beijing. As China's leader Deng Xiaoping lays dying in his mini-hospital of a villa in Beijing, the jockeying for power has intensified.

At the conclusion of a major plenum of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee in early October, the leadership cited two major tasks for 1997: a trouble-free resumption of sovereignty over Hong Kong; and preparation for the 15th party Congress in late 1997, when the transition to the "new era" will have been completed.

President Jiang Zemin, who is also head of the party and the army, badly wants to be China's next Deng Xiaoping. And he is trying aggressively to control the agenda of both the 1997

Hong Kong transition and the 15th party Congress. Jiang wants to be known as the "great liberator of Hong Kong," and get a coronation at the Congress of another five-year term.

For both wishes to come true, the Jiang faction has to tighten control over the media — both in China and in Hong Kong. During a visit to the *People's Daily* in late September, Jiang stressed that "the leadership of news and propaganda must be firmly grasped by people who are loyal to Marxism, to the party, and to the people." The October Central Committee meeting affirmed that the party Propaganda Department would exercise "macro-level controls and adjustments" over the media.

In his now-famous interview with *The Asian Wall Street Journal* in October 1996, Foreign Minister Qian Qichen laid down what Hong Kong media personnel consider to be draconian restrictions on the profession. "They [Hong Kong journalist] can put forward criticism [of China], but not rumors or lies," Qian said. "Nor can they put forward personal attacks on the Chinese leaders." Many fear that in spite of the pledge of "one country, two systems," Beijing will soon be extending to Hong Kong the "macro-level controls" being imposed on the mainland media.

Veterans of the Hong Kong media have fingered the following signs of malaise: a rising degree of self-censorship; journalists leaving the profession or immigrating; journalists switching

from political or China beats to less sensitive areas such as business reporting; and failure to attract young talent to the profession. To ensure their post-1997 well-being, quite a few owners of media organizations have reached an understanding with the powers-that-be to tone down their criticism of China.

There is, however, still room for hope. In spite of efforts by the Jiang administration to centralize power, the centrifugal forces are increasing. The media scene particularly in medium- and small-sized cities in China is bursting with energy. Phenomenal growth has been attained, especially in cable television, trade magazines and publications financed by private businesses. In spite of efforts to police the Internet, much of what Beijing would consider subversive material is being bandied about the information highway.

And Hong Kong is not without bargaining chips. For its own survival in the cunning corridors of Beijing politics, the Jiang faction needs to prove to the other cliques that it can ensure Hong Kong's post 1997 prosperity. Not only media groups but a number of the powerful businessmen who have the leadership's ears are telling Beijing that Hong Kong will be pretty much finished without the free flow of information. There is no evidence that the Jiang leadership has bought this argument. At this stage of the game, however, journalists in Hong Kong are carrying on, giving the future the benefit of the doubt.

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OPC Committee Protests Assaults on Journalists

For 1996, assaults on journalists and members of the news media in eight countries drew protests from the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee. The countries involved were: Mexico, Cameroon, Croatia, China, Honduras, Israel, Rwanda and Ireland. The alleged offenses included: "insulting" the head of states, exposing corruption in the armed forces, criticizing the government, challenging state security laws and reporting on local political issues.

Responses and reactions were received by the OPC from government officials in Mexico, Cameroon and Ireland. Also, the protested decision to shut down Croatia's last independent radio station was reversed.

In several areas of Mexico, print and broadcast journalists were subjected this year to gunfire, beatings, other physical attacks and death threats—all because of their news reports. As these incidents occurred, the OPC called on President Ernesto Zedillo to investigate.

In December, the Mexican government advised the committee that "investigations will take place" on the "assaults perpetrated on **C. Jose Barron Rosales**, correspondent of Radio Huayacoco, in the state of Veracruz; **Gina Batista**, reporter and anchor for TV channel 40, and **Alberto Flores Casanova**, staff reporter of the daily *El Mañana* of Nuevo Laredo."

Also responding to OPC appeals, James R. Jones, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, said that his embassy "keeps an eye on freedom of expression in Mexico." Earlier, he wrote to express his appreciation to the OPC for its efforts over the years.

In Cameroon, the censorship, suspensions and seizures of newspapers, and the arrests, convictions, and imprisonment of journalists were protested in facsimile messages sent to President Paul Biya. According to Amnesty International, **Pius Njawa**, chief editor of the independent newspaper *Le Messenger* was convicted in October on charges of insulting President Biya and members of the National Assembly. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. His colleague, **Eyoum Ngangué** was sentenced to prison for a year on the

same charge.

An earlier OPC appeal was made on behalf of **Paddy Mbawa**, publisher of the independent *Cameroon Post* who had been sentenced to prison for an article alleging embezzlement. Expressing sensitivity to our interest in the exercise of freedom of expression in Cameroon, an official government reply stated that it could not intervene because the complaint had been brought by a private individual.

Two editors of *Le Nouvel Independent*, **Evariste Menouga** and **Peter William Mandio**, were detained, apparently for writing an article critical of the Minister of Public Works. Their immediate release was demanded unless there was a legal basis for continuing their detention.

The OPC's concern about the tragic assassination of crime reporter **Veronica Guerin** in Ireland was communicated to President Mary Robinson in Dublin and OPC received thanks from her staff.

OPC appeals were sent to Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Palestine National Authority Leader Yasir Arafat.

The protests were prompted by the attacks on journalists during the riots following the opening of the Western Wall tunnel in Jerusalem. The Foreign Press Association in Israel reported that the injured included Israel's Channel 2 reporter, **Yosi Endor**, and **Haim Asyas**, cameraman; **Shams Odeh** and **Majdi**

al-Arabid, cameramen with Reuters and WTN, respectively; **Abdolreza (Manouoche) Deghati**, Agence France Presse's chief photographer; **Issa Freij**, CBS cameraman, **Mohammed Saadi**, PBC reporter, and **Khalil Saad**, freelance cameraman. The assaults on journalists took place in Gaza, Erez, Ramallah and Hebron in addition to Jerusalem. About six weeks after the riots, OPCer **Nicolas B. Tatro**, chairman of the Foreign Press Association, reported that neither the Israeli army or Palestinian police had launched any investigations into the conduct of their troops.

Croatia's imminent decision to deny license renewal to the country's last independent radio station symbolized the crackdown on free speech, the OPC declared in a protest to President Franjo Tudjman. The OPC urged Croatia to renew the Radio 101 license, as did thousands of citizens who demonstrated for the station. The decision was reversed and Radio 101 continued its operations.

When the weekly newspaper, *Intego*, in Kigali, Rwanda, published an article critical of the government, two journalists suffered attacks. **Amiel Nkuriza**, director, was abducted and **Appolos Hakizimana**, a reporter, was beaten and arrested. Also, the "offending" issue of the paper was seized. OPC urged Rwanda to release both journalists.

In China, **Wang Dan** who has written articles for the Hong Kong daily, *Ming Pao*, and for New York-based China Rights Forum (CRF) was charged and convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the government. In a 1994 CRF

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Welcome to Our New Members

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and *Global Business*
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The Freedom Forum
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Hong Kong
(associate overseas)

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BEIJING: James McGregor, the Dow Jones corporate representative in China, has been promoted to vice president/China. He oversees all Dow Jones business activities in China and manages the company's corporate relations with the Chinese government.



James McGregor

BEIRUT: For the first time since he was released in December 1991 after seven-year imprisonment in Beirut, Terry Anderson returned to Lebanon to film that nation's efforts to rebuild from 16 years of civil strife. CNN broadcast his one-hour documentary, "A Return to the Lion's Den," on Dec. 1. "I have a lot invested in Lebanon, good and bad," said Anderson, whose wife, Madeleine, is Lebanese and has family there. "I've been wanting to go back for a couple of years, but waited until my wife felt comfortable and it was safe." Anderson, then an AP correspondent, was held hostage by Shiite Muslims based in Beirut. The U.S. State Department still bans Americans from visiting Lebanon, and Anderson went without U.S. approval. He called the ban "outdated." Anderson is optimistic about what he saw. "Lebanon has always been a service economy, providing banking and trading services between Europe and Asia, and that's what they're trying to reestablish." Anderson, 49, now is teaching journalism at Columbia University.

DETROIT: The *Wall Street Journal* has transferred Joseph White from Brussels to Detroit to be a news editor covering management issues.

HONG KONG: Clare Hollingworth of the *Daily Telegraph*, a war and international correspondent since Germany invaded Poland 57 years ago, was honored on her 85th birthday in October at a party in the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club. About 5 a.m. on Sept. 1, 1939, Hollingworth awakened her London editor with a telephone call from Katowice, Poland, to report that

Germany had started bombing that city, thus launching World War II. Standing just two inches over five feet, she went on to cover the war in North Africa and report from the Middle East before spending many years as a correspondent in China and elsewhere in Asia. Lord Murray MacLehose, 79, a former governor of Hong Kong, flew out from England to attend her birthday party, and former British Prime Minister Ted Heath sent a birthday message. Other messages came from former club presidents who have left Hong Kong including: Donald Wise, Derek Davies and Simon Holberton; and from *Daily Telegraph* editor Lord William Deedes. At the party, current Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten called Hollingworth a towering figure in 20th century journalism who has witnessed both its "beauty and bestiality."



Clare Hollingworth

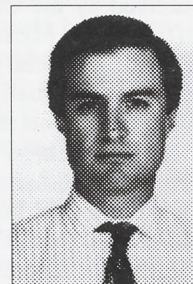
After many years as a writer and editor for Dow Jones publications, Adi Ignatius has joined *Time* magazine in Hong Kong as deputy editor for Asia. Previously he was business editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, a weekly news magazine published in Hong Kong by Dow Jones.

LONDON: On Nov. 22, a British consular official reported that Robin Mannock, a former AP correspondent in Cambodia and Laos, was in a Beirut hospital with terminal throat cancer, and the British government had arranged to fly him back to the United Kingdom for treatment at John Radcliff Hospital near Oxford, where he attended university. Mannock has no living next of kin. Jack Laurence, formerly with CBS News, said the British government has set up an account for Mannock's expenses. Donations to that account may be sent to Jack Laurence, PO Box 71, Haslemere, Surrey GU27, 1YT, United Kingdom.

Reuters Holdings Plc announced in December that it will lay off about 170 people in its Reuters America division to

streamline operations and increase profits. Bob Crooke, a Reuters spokesman, said the layoffs will affect about 5 percent of the 3,500 employees in the unit, including managers, journalists, marketing and sales staff, and finance and technical workers. None of the company's offices or 44 news bureaus in the region will be closed, Crooke said.

MEXICO CITY: Craig Torres, Mexico bureau chief for *The Wall Street Journal*, late last year received the first annual Best of Knight-Bagehot Business Journalism Award. The award is given for the best work by a former recipient of the Knight Bagehot Fellowship in Economics and Business Journalism at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. The judges said Craig in a series of articles "laid out the depth of the Mexican banking crisis and had a broad impact on international investors and bankers, because Mr. Torres pointed out not only the fragility of the banking system but also the lack of legal recourse when loans or bonds run into problems."



Craig Torres

NEW DELHI: Tony Clifton is the new *Newsweek* bureau chief in New Delhi, transferring last autumn from Hong Kong to India.

NEW YORK: OPC member Mort Rosenblum, who has written books on topics ranging from the Seine River to how international news is covered, turns to olives in his newest book, "Olives: The Life and Lore of a Noble Fruit" [New York: North Point Press/Farrar, Straus & Giroux], published Nov. 29. Rosenblum, a special correspondent for the AP in Paris, became interested in olives in 1986 when he bought five acres of land in Provence, France, that included "200 half-dead, overgrown olive trees that were already old when the Sun King ruled France." Rosenblum and his neighbors brought the grove back to



Mort Rosenblum

life, and then he researched olives in Andalusia, the Holy Land, Morocco, Greece, Tuscany, California, Mexico and Bosnia. He writes: "An olive, to many, is no more than a humble lump at the bottom of a martini. Yet a closer look reveals a portrait in miniature of the richest parts of our world. Olives have oiled the wheels of civilization since Jericho built walls and ancient Greece was the morning news." Rosenblum writes about the history and politics of olives, how the Mafia controlled Italy's olive trade, the passion olive growers feel for their work and what olive oil can do for you: "In recent years, medical science has put its stamp on what doctors have known since Hippocrates: olive oil is easily digested. It helps fight against breast and other cancers. It helps children grow and slows aging. It is good for the bones and joints, the skin, the liver and the intestines. It fights diabetes and peptic ulcers. But its principal value as a staple in the kitchen is what it does for the heart and the bloodstream: Olive oil protects high-density lipid cholesterol (HDL), the good kind, and it reduces low-density LDL, its killer twin." Scattered through Rosenblum's book are recipes featuring olives, pencil drawings by Mary Scarvalone of several varieties of olive branches and historic tributes to olives including this one from Thomas Jefferson: "The olive tree is surely the richest gift of Heaven."

Three of *Business Week's* foreign correspondents have returned to New York. **Edith Hill Updike** has moved from the Tokyo bureau and will work in the magazine's Enterprise section for small business. No replacement has been named as yet in Tokyo. **Pete Engardio** has returned from Hong Kong after a five year assignment and has been named a senior news editor. He was replaced by **Bruce Einhorn**, who was transferred from New York. Meanwhile, Bonn bureau chief **John Templeman** has been transferred to New York where he has begun editing the International Outlook. **Thane Peterson**, formerly based in Toronto and Paris and currently a news editor in New York, is expected to move to Germany as bureau chief.

Former UPI Israeli correspondent **Allen Alter**, currently foreign editor of CBS News, will become the news divisions' national editor, replacing **Bill**

Felling, who advances to the level of executive producer.

CBS Broadcast International (CBI) plans to open an office in Hong Kong in March, just four months before the British territory returns to China. **Yuet-fung Ho**, director of CBI's international sales, Asia, who now is based in New York, will head the new Hong Kong operation. The Hong Kong office will handle CBS marketing in Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Singapore, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Laos and Vietnam.

AP president **Louis D. Boccardi**, in December, announced two new European assignments. **William Kole**, 36, a correspondent in France since 1995, became the new bureau chief in Amsterdam, succeeding **Abner Katzman**, 49, who was appointed chief of bureau in Paris last summer. **Brian Murphy**, 37, a reporter/editor in Rome since 1993, moved to Athens as bureau chief, replacing **Phil Dopoulos**, who is retiring after 36 years with AP.

Newsweek moved a former European correspondent to the White House beat in January and appointed two bureau chiefs in Latin America. The new White House reporter is **Karen Breslau**, who helped cover the 1995 U.S. presidential campaign. Breslau joined *Newsweek* in 1989 as a correspondent in the Bonn/Berlin bureau. She also reported from Russia and the former Yugoslavia, helping the magazine win a 1993



Karen Breslau

OPC citation for excellence. At the White House, Breslau replaced **Bill Turque**, who became *Newsweek* national correspondent. Earlier at the magazine, Turque wrote on U.S. national affairs including the World Trade Center blast, the U.S. missile strike against Iraq and O.J. Simpson's criminal trial. In Latin America, *Newsweek* appointed two new bureau chiefs: **Josh Hammer** in Buenos Aires and **Martha**



Bill Turque

Brant in Mexico City. Hammer had been Nairobi bureau chief since 1993, covering civil war and violence in Rwanda and Somalia. Before joining *Newsweek* in 1988 as a business editor, Hammer was an



Josh Hammer

English teacher and film critic in Japan; a freelance writer in Southeast Asia, Africa and South America; a staff writer at *People* magazine; and a contributing editor to *Manhattan, Inc.* Brant, a *Newsweek* Washington correspondent, came to the magazine in 1993 after several news jobs including production assistant at CNN (Spanish) in Los Angeles and reporter for *Tico Times* in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Pete Hamill, 61, a New York newspaperman who covered wars in Vietnam, Lebanon, Nicaragua and Northern Ireland, became editor-in-chief of the *New York Daily News* on Jan. 1, succeeding **Martin Dunn**, an Englishman. Hamill started his career as a reporter for the *New York Post* in 1960 and later was a columnist for the *Post*, *Daily News* and *New York Newsday*. Hamill edited the *New York Post* briefly in 1993; wrote for *Esquire*, *Playboy* and *Vanity Fair*; has been a contributing editor at *New York* magazine for 25 years; and is the author of seven novels and two collections of short stories. Brooklyn-born and the son of Irish immigrants, Hamill said his father read the *Daily News* from 1923 when he arrived in the United States until his death at 80. "The *Daily News* became our family's bearer of news," its new editor said.

OPCer **Kerry Dolan** has been promoted from reporter to staff writer at *Forbes*. She has covered a number of Latin American stories for the magazine and researched Latin American billionaires for the magazine's annual billionaires issue. For her promotion, Dolan will take over supervision of the billionaires project from **Graham Button**, an

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associate editor who has left to start his own company.

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Marshall Loeb, managing editor of *Fortune* and *Money* magazines, has been appointed editor of the *Columbia Journalism Review*, succeeding **Suzanne Braun Levine**, who resigned. "I'm enormously proud to become the editor of the magazine that is the pre-eminent champion and critic of journalism in America and, indeed, the world," said Loeb.

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At a benefit dinner in New York City's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Nov. 26, the Committee to Protect Journalists presented its Freedom Awards to four journalists for courageous reporting. Recipients who attended the dinner were **J. Jesus Blancornelas**, of the Mexican newspaper *Zeta*; **Daoud Kuttab**, of the Arabic Media Internet Network and the Palestinian Audio-Visual Union; and **Yusuf Jameel** of *The Asian Age*, Delhi, India; The fourth recipient, **Ocak Isik Yurtcu** of the defunct *Ozgur Gundem*, is in a Turkish prison. A special award on the 25th anniversary of the publishing of the Pentagon Papers went to OPC member **Arthur Ochs Sulzberger**, chairman of The New York Times Company.

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Meanwhile, the Committee to Protect Journalists has established a memorial fund in memory of **Lee Lescaze**, who in 1987 shared the OPC's Bob Considine Award with five other reporters from *The Wall Street Journal* for a series of articles on the rise of Islam.



Lee Lescaze

Lescaze, 57, died of cancer last July. He had been foreign editor of *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*, and national editor and assistant managing editor for the Style section at the *Post*. He had reported from Vietnam, Hong Kong and the White House. Contributions may be sent to The Lee Lescaze Memorial Fund, Committee to Protect Journalists, 330 Seventh Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10001.

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The International Women's Media

Foundation on Nov. 19 presented its Courage in Journalism Awards to three women journalists. Cited were **Ayse Onal** of Turkey, who writes about her country's politics, mafia and war against the Kurdish Workers Party; Sudanese editor **Saida Ramadan**, who from exile in Egypt criticizes the Muslim fundamentalist-backed regime in her homeland; and Zambian reporter **Lucy Sichone** who, while in hiding with her baby, wrote articles demanding the return of press freedom and a fair trial for herself. The group's lifetime achievement award went to **Meg Greenfield**, editorial page editor at *The Washington Post* and a *Newsweek* columnist.

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Don Becker learned the rules of international journalism while a UPI correspondent in Singapore and Manila in the 1960s and now is publisher of *The Journal of Commerce*. In November, he leafed through some of his past newspaper columns and found that his predictions on South Africa six years ago were correct although at the time they raised eyebrows in his head office. In 1990, Becker wrote two columns about his trip to South Africa, and "they caused people at Knight-Ridder, Inc., the then-owner of *The Journal of Commerce*, to ask if the South Africans had paid for my trip there," Becker wrote in his paper on Nov. 20. "In fact I paid my own way since it was a vacation to visit a journalist friend and his wife whom my wife and I had met in China. However, once in South Africa, I found the place so fascinating that I wrote two columns, both of which were optimistic and spoke favorably about the intentions of the new white government of President F. W. de Klerk. That was not a politically correct conclusion at that time....[now] everyone knows apartheid has ended and the majority now rules in South Africa."

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Peter Kann, chairman of Dow Jones and a former *Wall Street Journal* correspondent and editor in Asia, reported in November that his company's overseas television services, Asia Business News and European Business News, now reach approximately



Peter Kann

30 million homes and some 200,000 hotel rooms. He also said that Dow Jones newswires have added some 200 reporters and editors since 1994.

SYDNEY: **James Murdoch**, 23, son of media tycoon **Rupert Murdoch**, was named vice president for music and new media at News Corp. The appointment reportedly signifies the start of a major push into the music industry by News Corp. No official announcement was made, but the appointment was reported by the *Financial Times* and other major media.

TOKYO: **Jim Palmer** spent 12-1/2 years in Tokyo as AP's Asia photo editor, a longevity record for that assignment. "I have been one of the lucky ones to stay as long as I have," Palmer said before he and his wife Pam left last autumn for his new assignment as AP's assistant chief of bureau in Los Angeles. In Asia, Palmer covered the fall of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, the Tiananmen Square massacre in Beijing, seven coup attempts in the Philippines, one attempted and one successful coup in Thailand, Prince Sihanouk's return to Cambodia, two G-7 meetings and three Olympics. To cover the 40th anniversary of the French withdrawal from Vietnam, Palmer motored from Hanoi to Dien Bien Phu, where the French made their last stand in 1954.

WASHINGTON:

Charges that Indonesian money was contributed to President Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign put OPC member **Elias P. Demetracopoulos** back in the news.



E. Demetracopoulos

Demetracopoulos, a Greek journalist who left his homeland after a military coup, had charged in 1968 that Greek money was contributed to Richard Nixon's presidential campaign that year. In their column published on Nov. 7, Jack Anderson and Jan Moller recalled the Nixon campaign: "The money trail led from the CIA to its Greek counterpart, the KYP, then to [Greek American Tom] Pappas and back to the United States into the Nixon-[Spiro] Agnew campaign. Pappas vehemently denied the charges, which were first raised by respected Greek journalist

Elias Demetracopoulos....A few weeks before the 1968 election, Demetracopoulos took his accusations to Lawrence O'Brien, then chairman of the Democratic National Committee. O'Brien quickly issued a press release demanding that Nixon and Agnew explain their relationship to Pappas." But Anderson and Moller said that 1968 "was a different time in America" and "Demetracopoulos's allegations, as serious as they were, received little attention in the final days of the campaign." **Joseph Spear**, whose column is distributed to 250 newspapers by Newspaper Enterprise Association, also reported in November on Demetracopoulos' investigation into the Greek connection.

John Donovan, 41, a veteran ABC News correspondent in Europe and the Middle East, is the network's new chief White House correspondent. Donovan joined ABC in 1982 and has spent most of his career reporting from Moscow, London, Tel Aviv, Amman and other points. He recently covered Bob Dole's presidential campaign. He replaced **Brit Hume**, 53, who left ABC when his contract expired Dec. 31 to become chief Washington correspondent and managing editor, Washington, for Rupert Murdoch's Fox News, a broadcast network, and Fox News Channel, a cable TV channel that serves about 17 million homes in the United States. Launched in October, Fox News Channel competes with CNN and MSNBC, owned by Microsoft and General Electric's NBC. Bloomberg Business News has also launched an all-news channel, Bloomberg Information Television.

Fox News fills a void in the offerings of Murdoch's News Corp. media empire. Hume, in turn, fills a void for well-known personalities for Fox News. Hume spent 23 years with ABC News in Washington. His wife, Kim Hume, left ABC News last summer to become Fox's deputy Washington bureau chief. But her husband said "neither would be the other's boss," adding: "She's going to be running the nuts and bolts of the operation, and I'm going to be helping determine the editorial side of things." Hume is a frequent contributor to con-

servative political journals. Murdoch has said Fox News will balance the "liberal bias" of other mainstream media. Hume will also write a column for the *Weekly Standard*, a News Corp. publication.

President Clinton in December appointed his deputy chief of staff, **Evelyn S. Lieberman**, to be director of the Voice of America. She formerly was an assistant to Hillary Rodham Clinton and former press secretary to Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware. At VOA, Lieberman succeeded **Geoffrey Cowan**, the new head of the Annenberg School of Journalism at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

The South Korean embassy announced in a Nov. 12 letter that it will send news releases by email to working journalists who request the service. Seung Yoo-Lee, deputy director of the Korean Information Center in Washington, said interested journalists should send their email address to "ashleye@koreaemb.org." Seung can be telephoned at (202) 797-6343.

DECEASED: Hildegard Fillmore Smith, an active member of the OPC for many years, at age 98. A former fashion and beauty editor at *McCall's*, Smith died in her garret apartment at the National Arts Club in New York City. She lived at the club for the last 43 years. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati and a native of that city, she came to New York as an aspiring poet and instead settled into a career in publishing. In addition to editing, she worked as a Hollywood correspondent. She also served on the Board of Governors of the Fashion Group and on the committee for the Americans Fashion Critics Award. After retiring in 1953 she became active in the National Arts Club, editing its bulletin and serving as its secretary for more than a decade. For her 95th birthday, the OPC Board of Governors made her an honorary member in tribute for her years of service. She is survived by a sister, Chalm Mathewson of Cincinnati.

Stefan A. Ellis, 31, a photojournalist who worked in Southeast Asia, Russia and Israel, died Dec. 1 at his family's farm in Hancock, Maryland. The Maryland medical examiner's office said that his death resulted from a self-

inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Ellis was a photo editor in the Hong Kong bureau of Agence France Press, and in 1991 he established the AFP photo bureau in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. In 1993, he moved to Moscow, where he worked as a stringer for The New York Times and other newspapers. Later, he was an AP stringer in Jerusalem before returning to Phnom Penh in 1995. He subsequently moved to New York, where he was studying television news writing and editing.

Mohamed Amin, 53, a photographer and cameraman whose 1984 pictures of famine victims in Ethiopia stirred world reaction, and his colleague, journalist **Brian Tetley**, 61, were among 125 people killed Nov. 23 when a hijacked Ethiopian Airlines jetliner crashed into the surf off the Comoros Islands. "No news cameraman in recent history has had a greater impact than Mohamed Amin," said **Tony Hall**, chief executive for BBC news. "His pictures from Ethiopia 12 years ago moved the world." Published in many nations, Amin's photographs led to an outpouring of food aid, although an estimated 1 million people died in the famine. Former President George Bush said: "Many millions are alive today because Mohamed Amin risked his life time and time again." Amin, who lived in Nairobi and covered Africa for three decades, lost his left arm in a 1991 explosion of an ammunition dump during the Ethiopian civil war, but he continued to film and take pictures, the AP reported. Amin was chief executive officer of London-based Camerapix Publishers International. Tetley, who wrote the text for some of Amin's photo books, was for many years a columnist for the *East African Standard* newspaper.

Andreas Freund, 71, who worked in Paris for *The New York Herald Tribune*, the AP, *The New York Times* and AFP, died Nov. 17 in Paris after long treatment for lung cancer. Born in Germany, Freund moved to Switzerland after the Nazis came to power and to Paris after World War II. He worked for the Paris edition of the *Tribune* before joining AP. From 1962 to 1979, he was a copy editor and reporter for the *Times* and then worked for Agence France Presse's English-language service until retiring in 1983.

CNN Vows to Fight U.S. Gov't For Cuba Bureau

CNN Executive **Eason Jordan** said CNN will challenge the U.S. government if its request to open a news bureau in Cuba is rejected. Jordan, speaking at a recent event, said the network had applied for a license to open a bureau with the Treasury Dept., as required under U.S. trade restrictions with Cuba. Early indications are that Washington is reluctant to issue the license.

CNN already received permission last August from Cuban President Fidel Castro to set up an operation in Cuba. If it did so, CNN would become the first American news organization in nearly 30 years to open a full-time newsgathering operation in Havana.

"We thought our fight would be with the Cuban government, not the American government," said Jordan, who is executive vice president of CNN International and CNN En Español. Jordan said that CNN might challenge the U.S. government on First Amendment grounds if the license application was rejected.

He was speaking at a Freedom Forum event at the Media Studies Center entitled "The Future of the Free Press in Cuba" held on Dec. 19 and sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on Communications.

The panel discussion also featured presentations by **Suzanne Bilello** and **Gil Kapen**. Bilello is program coordinator for the Americas at the Committee to Protect Journalists. Bilello was expelled from Cuba in June for meeting with independent Cuban news agencies. Kapen is staff director of the House subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.

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remarks. Over the last decade, the government has gone from an authoritarian to democratic system, while the economy has grown from a low-tech backwater to a high-tech powerhouse.

At the same time, relations between Taiwan and the mainland have grown stronger. Despite this progress, Su said, the rise of China on the world stage has put Taiwan at a disadvantage. "Because of PRC pressure, we have no say in anything at all," Su asserted. He said Taiwan would abide by international norms even as it finds itself given a lower profile by the world community.

One example came at a recent conference by CITES, the Committee on International Trade in Endangered Species, he explained. China, Hong Kong and Taiwan were singled out by CITES for trafficking in products made from endangered species. Yet at a meeting to discuss this issue, only China and Hong Kong were allowed to participate while the Taiwan delegation was forced to "cool its heels" during the event.

Su asked the U.S. to pursue a pragmatic diplomacy that didn't choose sides between the PRC and Taiwan. Relations that America maintains with both places should be on "parallel tracks" that don't affect each other and move at their own speed, he argued.

Taiwan does want to unify with China but not while the mainland is under the present Communist leadership. The unpopularity of a union under the present leadership was shown by the

March election, said Su, noting that one candidate who campaigned under this policy garnered a very small number of votes. But, he emphasized, Taiwan has an open door policy with the mainland. "Our basic policy with the PRC is one of friendship," he said.

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article, he stated that in publishing articles, accepting interviews, and meeting people abroad, under China's new state security law, Chinese citizens must guard against their activities being labeled as "harmful to state security." Wang pointed out that the new law does not define what is harmful to state security. The OPC committee expressed distrust for any laws which turn contact with any foreigner, including journalists conducting interviews, into potential "collusion" against the state. The OPC called on China to drop all charges against Wang. He was sentenced to 11 years in prison.

In Honduras, **Jorge Luis Monroy**, radio news commentator who had been reporting on local political issues, as well as an internal election in one of the country's main political parties, was attacked and beaten by two men who forced their way into his broadcast booth. The OPC urged the government to investigate.

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